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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for an original application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

AUTOMATIC TAKE-UP DEVICE WITH INTERNAL SPRING

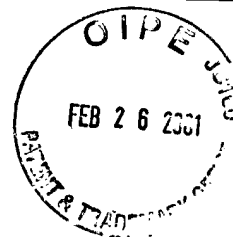
SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on December 3, 2000 by Express Mail Service with the United States Post Office, and considered received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2000, as Serial No. 09/729,491.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.



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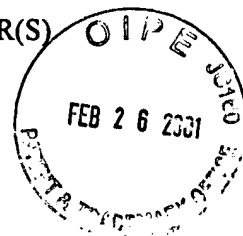
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DECLARATION OR OATH

- I. No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application. Attached is a Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.

COMPLETION FEES

II.

1. Surcharge Fees

Late payment of filing fee
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EXTENSION OF TIME

- III. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and

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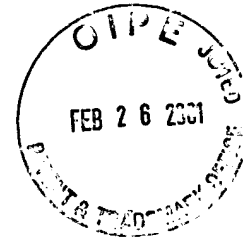
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